

# CHURCH & COMMUNITY NEWS

April/May 2014



## PASTOR'S LETTER

The month of March has once again lived up to its reputation, having come in like a lion, and gone out like a lamb. It will soon be in our rear-view mirror and it will go on record as being one of the harshest winters that we've ever experienced in our lifetimes.

Next up is April, and if April showers bring May flowers, then what do May Flowers bring? Why Pilgrims of course! And let's not forget mud season! Yuck! But April also brings about new life that can be seen everywhere. Where our landscape once seemed dead and incapable of change, it slowly comes alive again. Our trees begin to bud, flowers spring up and bloom, and soon colorful butterflies will begin to appear in our gardens. What a miracle!

April also brings about Easter, and throughout church history, Easter or Resurrection Sunday, has always been the focal point of the Church calendar. Churches have special services in the days leading up to Easter, sometimes referred to as Holy Week. Maundy Thursday, foot washing service, Good Friday, Palm Sunday, Sunrise service, and Easter service are all examples of the special gatherings that believers have used to commemorate and celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection.

The life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, is the greatest story ever told. From beginning to end, the events of Jesus' life reveal an extraordinary purpose. Christ's birth brought joy to the world. His baptism sparked his formal ministry here on earth, His teachings prepared His followers for the kingdom of God, and His passion paid for the sins of humankind. But in the end, His resurrection gave us all hope of eternal life. What a miracle!

So let me ask you: How are you living? Are you bearing the full weight of your burdens, feeling just like our winter landscape, feeling lifeless and wondering if things will ever change? Or are you experiencing the hope of new life, the joy of the empty tomb, and the transforming power of the risen savior?

My hope for you all this spring, is that you would live the resurrected life, rising above the challenges of the world and living in that same power that raised Jesus from the dead. May you allow God to work through you in proclaiming this wonderful hope of the resurrection to all that you encounter. Our church service is held on Sunday mornings 9 am, with Sunday School for our children and youth. We would love to have you. Happy Easter!

### KEY DATES

#### April

6	Fire Dept Breakfast
11	MCS Sports Award Banquet
13	Palm Sunday
14-18	MCS & SJA Easter Vacation
18	Good Friday
19	Big Trash Day
19	Easter Egg Hunt
20	Easter
25	Androcles & The Lion

#### May

1	Dog Licenses Due
6	PTF Election Mtg
11	Mother's Day
17	Big Trash Day
25	McLure's Band Farewell Concert
26	Memorial Day
30	SJA Last Day
31	Plant & Yard Sales

#### June Preview

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20	MCS Last Day

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## SPORTS AWARDS NIGHT

Sport Awards Night is Friday April 11 at 6:00pm at the Town Hall. Pizza & drinks are provided.

Awards will be given out to student athletes for the following sports: 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Soccer, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Soccer, 5<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball, 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball, and Cheerleaders. We will also be having an Adult vs. Student basketball game. MCS Sports Coordinator Deb Fiske encourages any adult that wants to play to come join in the game. It's always lots of fun.

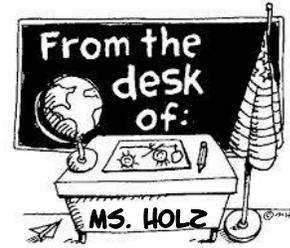
## PTF ELECTION MEETING

Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> is the PTF meeting where officers for the next school year are elected. President, Vice-President and Secretary positions need to be filled for the upcoming year. We encourage anyone who would like to be a new member to come to this meeting (6:30 pm in the School Cafeteria).

**WHAT DID THE LION SAY? ROAR, ROAR, ROAR!**



Children's Stage Adventures will be coming to Monroe the week of April 21<sup>st</sup> to work with the children of Monroe School. On Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, at 6 pm, the students will present the play. This event is sponsored by the PTF, and is free and open to all. Please remember to bring your best lion roar.



On Saturday, March 22nd, students in grades 6-8 competed in the North Country Middle School Film Festival. The competition, sponsored by North Country Education Services, drew over 30 entries from middle school students all over the northern part of New Hampshire. Our students worked on their films during Librology (library/technology) with Ms. Jette. The theme was "What is Right?" and each group chose a theme.

The awards ceremony took place at the Rialto Theater in Lancaster. Students, families, teachers and administrators donned their finest red carpet attire for the event. Monroe had an impressive showing, taking up most of the middle section of the theater. In sparkles, ruffle and bowties, our group was by far the sharpest, earning extra accolades from the Master of Ceremonies.

The film, "School Board", created by Falyann Locke, Tyler Vosinek and Sophia Beardsley, won first place for Most Focused Message. (*Ed. Note: You can watch the video on monroetown.com.*) These students received trophies, an award for the school and a \$200 check to be used to enhance our programs. We couldn't be prouder of all of our 6-8th graders for once again putting Monroe on the North Country map!

On Friday, March 28, the Monroe School staff joined over 700 fellow North Country educators in Berlin to see award-winning author and educator Rick Wormeli. Teachers have been participating in a book study of Wormeli's book, The Collected Writings of Rick Wormeli. The topic of this even was "Differentiating Assessment: Grading in a World of Common Core Standards and Accountability."

Finally, a friendly reminder that you can stay up to date by visiting our website, [monroschool77.com](http://monroschool77.com), and liking our new Facebook page, "monroe-consolidated-school."



## FIRE DEPARTMENT BREAKFAST

The great cooks of the Monroe Fire Department will hold a breakfast on Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, from 7:30 am – 10 am at Monroe Town Hall. All you can eat, by donation. Please be generous for these great guys who work to keep us all safe.

*Thank You*

The Monroe School Board would like to thank the community for its support of the school budget at the recent Town Meeting. We would also like to thank Superintendent Dr. Richards and her staff for producing a sound and well balanced budget.

## EASTER EGG HUNT



The annual church-sponsored egg hunt will be held on Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, from 1 – 3 PM. Crafts & Games from 1-2 pm, with egg hunts starting at 2 pm. The hunt will be at the North Church if weather is good; otherwise, an indoor location will be announced on the church website ([monroetown.com/church](http://monroetown.com/church)). Volunteers are needed; please call Diane Brock to lend a hand (787-2218). The egg hunt is ideal for Monroe families and children/grandchildren under 13.



## Mclure's Alumni Band says "Farewell"

On Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, Mclure's Alumni Band will hold their final farewell concert and reunion. The band is asking any and all former members to join them that day. If you wish to play, practice will start at 1 pm. The concert begins at 3 pm. Anyone who has ever played with the band is welcome to play or just to come and visit. (The band is also asking members who may have sheet music at home to bring it with them; they would like to gather the music and donate it to another area band.) Let's have a great Monroe turn-out for this special farewell concert.

## TOWN NEWS

- ✓ Supervisors of the Checklist will meet on April 7<sup>th</sup> from 5-6 pm, Town Office.
- ✓ Town Offices are closed on Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. Town Clerk's Office closed on April 17<sup>th</sup> for training. Call ahead to see if there is coverage.
- ✓ Large Trash Days for 2014 are April 19, May 17, July 19, and September 20<sup>th</sup>. Hours are 9 am – 3 pm, no early birds.
- ✓ Please get your dog licensed by May 1<sup>st</sup>! Neutered/spayed/younger than 9 mos. cost \$7.50. Otherwise, the cost is \$10. Late fees begin accruing June 1<sup>st</sup>, along with the risk of other fines.
- ✓ Marilyn asked us to pass along: A confidential list of people who have had checks returned for insufficient funds is now in the Town Clerk's office, along with the date you can finally submit a check again. If your check has been refused by the town, after a 3-year wait you can once again use a check. Please remember if you present a 2nd check that is not good, you will be permanently denied the right to use your personal check. Cash, a bank certified check, or a money order will be the only forms of payment accepted.



## SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, MAY 31<sup>st</sup>



Mark your calendars for another town-wide Yard Sale Day, combined with the annual Monroe Church Plant & Bake Sale. The PTF will be cooking up goodies in front of the school, and the Library will hold another book sale. Invite all your bargain-loving friends and make a day of it!

## MEN'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP TIME



The Monroe Men's Club has sent letters to graduating seniors explaining the opportunity to apply for their annual scholarship. Applications are due May 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you are a senior and did not receive an invitation, please call Maynard Farr, 638-2612.

Would you like to stay up-to-date on news and events BEFORE the next June/July newsletter? Sign up for bi-monthly e-news at [www.monroetown.com](http://www.monroetown.com). We do not use your e-mail address for anything other than the newsletter, and you can always unsubscribe if you find them too boring!

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